

THE HOLY LAND

A 10-day pilgrimage in the footsteps of Our Lord

under the leadership of
Bishop Martin Wharton

19th - 28th September 2018



The Sea of Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes

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In the footsteps of Jesus

A visit to the Holy Land is always a very special experience and I'm delighted to be inviting another group to join me on a pilgrimage in September 2018. Like thousands of Christians before me I have always found that such pilgrimages nourish and stimulate our faith in unique and lasting ways.



Our visit will introduce you to the places associated with the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus. Equally importantly, we will meet members of Christian communities in Palestine and Israel today.

In Galilee we will explore the principal sites of Jesus's ministry around the lakeside, in Capernaum and his home town of Nazareth. In Bethlehem as well as visiting the Church of the Nativity, we will visit a modern-day neonatal hospital run by Roman Catholic Christians, and a college and cultural centre that is the pioneering work of a Lutheran pastor. In Jerusalem, as we trace the steps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa to the place of his death and resurrection, we will also worship with the local Palestinian community at the Anglican Cathedral.

We will be travelling with Lightline Pilgrimages, the "official and preferred" pilgrimage partner for the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. This ensures that we support local Christians in a very practical way and that the pilgrimage plays its small part in helping sustain the "living stones" that help keep this land holy today.

I do hope you will join us next September for what I hope and pray will be the journey of a lifetime.

+ Martin Wharton

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Our Itinerary

Day 1, Wednesday 19 September

JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

We gather at London Heathrow Airport for our early morning flight to Tel Aviv. On arrival we will be met by our guide and driven up to Jerusalem and our hotel within the Old Walled City.



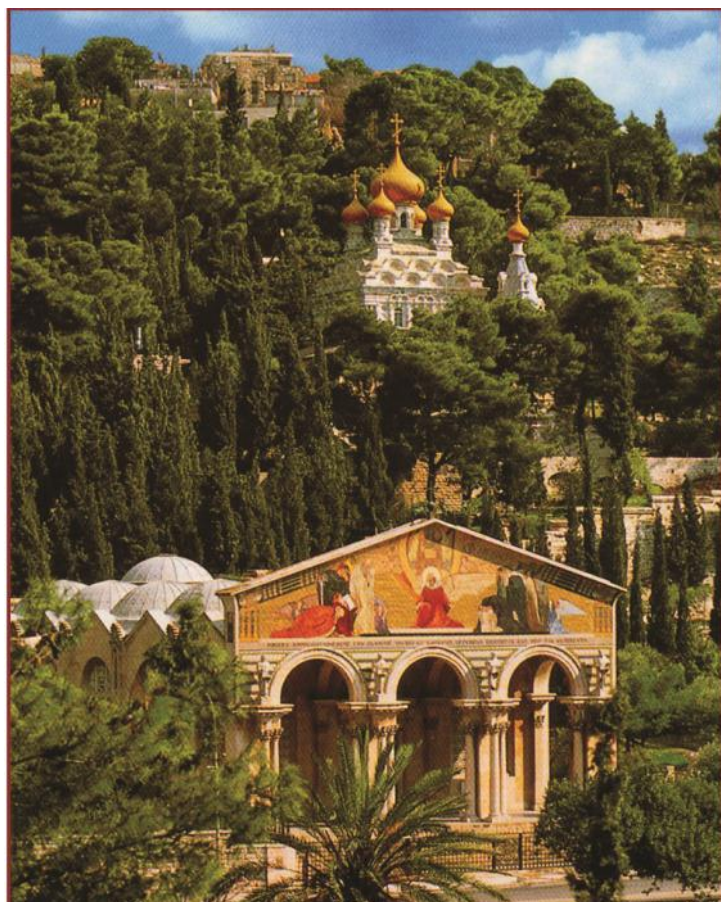
Day 2, Thursday 20 September

HEBRON - JERICHO - BETHANY

We leave our hotel after an early breakfast to visit Hebron, the home of the Tomb of the Patriarchs, where we can see in a particularly intense and focused way the mixture of religious history and modern politics around the Old City of this conflicted place. After visiting the mosque and synagogue and getting a brief glimpse of the souk we leave Hebron and drive down to the Jordan Valley for a brief view of the Mount of Temptation which overlooks the green and fertile oasis of Jericho. We then continue to Qasr al-Yahud



the traditional baptismal site from the 4th century on the River Jordan where we will renew our baptismal vows. We then continue to the oasis city of Jericho where we will break for lunch. In the afternoon we leave Jericho and drive up through the hills of the Judean Wilderness to visit the town of Bethany which is today cut off from Jerusalem by a huge 9-metre high separation wall. Here we visit the home of Jesus friends Lazarus, Mary and Martha. We then have a 45 minute diversion around the wall to get to Jerusalem and on to our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.



Day 3, Friday 21 September

MOUNT OF OLIVES & MOUNT ZION

After breakfast we drive to Bethphage, the start of the traditional Palm Sunday procession on the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives. From there we will continue to the Pater Noster Convent, before walking down the Mount of Olives to visit the Church of Dominus Flevit, which commemorates the site where Jesus wept over the destruction of Jerusalem, the

Day 3 continued



Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane. After a break for lunch we proceed to Mount Zion to view the traditional site of the Room of the Last Supper, the beautiful Abbey of the Dormition and St Peter in Gallicantu, where we can view the recently excavated Roman pathway and steps that lead up from the Old City. Return to our hotel for dinner, Overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 4, Saturday 22 September OLD CITY - VIA DOLOROSA

This morning proceed to St Stephen's Gate and proceed to the beautiful Crusader Church of St. Anne overlooking the Pools of Bethesda. We then continue to the Convent of the Sisters of Zion built on the

foundations of the Antonia Fortress, the Roman Garrison of Jerusalem. After a celebration of the Eucharist we visit the recently-excavated first century stone pavement (Gabbatha in the gospels) to follow the Way of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary enshrined within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will break for lunch in the Old City. In the afternoon we drive over to the west side of Jerusalem to visit the Israel Museum to view the model of Jerusalem from the second Temple period. Return to our hotel in good time to relax before dinner. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.



Day 5, Sunday 23 September TEMPLE MOUNT - EIN KAREM

After an early breakfast we drive to the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall and if permitted we will visit the Temple Mount (Mount Moriah). We then continue to St George's Cathedral to join the local Christian community for Sunday Service. Late morning we drive to the Hadassah Hospital Synagogue to view the famous Chagall Windows that depict the Twelve Tribes of Israel. After a break for lunch we drive to the village of Ein Karem to visit the Church of the Visitation, the home of John the Baptist. Late afternoon we drive past Jerusalem and on to Bethlehem and proceed through the partition wall and onto our hotel by Manger Square. Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.



Day 6, Monday 24 September

BETHLEHEM

We begin our day with a celebration of the Eucharist then visit the Basilica of the Nativity and the Shepherds Fields. We will also visit the Holy Family Maternity Hospital, to learn about its vital work in and around the municipality, before arriving at the Lutheran Christmas Church. We hope to meet the Lutheran Pastor, the Revd Mitri Raheb, author of *Bethlehem Besieged* (a deeply moving account of the sufferings caused by the Israeli invasion of Bethlehem in 2002), and to see the remarkable work undertaken in the educational centre attached to the church. Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.



Day 7, Tuesday 25 September

JACOB'S WELL - SEA OF GALILEE

We leave Bethlehem after breakfast and drive into the heart of the West Bank to visit the village of Taybeh, the only entirely Christian village in Palestine and learn



something of the remarkable mission of its parish church. From here we continue to drive north through Samaria and break for lunch in Nablus. In the afternoon we will visit Jacob's Well, where Jesus met the Samaritan woman, before finally proceeding around the Sea of Galilee to our hotel by the lake. Dinner and overnight stay at the Pilgerhaus Benedictine guest house.



Day 8, Wednesday 26 September

MOUNT TABOR & NAZARETH

This morning we leave our hotel and drive in an easterly direction to Mount Tabor and proceed to the summit by special taxis to visit the traditional site of the Transfiguration. After enjoying some amazing views over the Jezreel Valley and plain of Armageddon we proceed to the village of Cana to view the Wedding Church. From here we proceed to Nazareth and break for lunch. We will spend the afternoon exploring the town where Jesus



grew up. We will visit the Church of the Annunciation, Mary's Well and walk through the souks to the old synagogue church. Late afternoon return to the lake and our hotel. Dinner and overnight by the Sea of Galilee.



Day 9, Thursday 27 September **JESUS' LAKESIDE MINISTRY**

We start our day with a visit to the summit of the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee and the places where Jesus lived and worked. We then proceed to Tabgha, the church of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter before breaking for lunch. In the afternoon we visit the ancient fishing town of Capernaum to view the House of Peter and the reconstructed synagogue, the foundation of which date back to the time of Jesus and site where He often preached. We finally board a boat and sail across the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Nof Ginosar where we can view the "Galilee Boat", a first century fishing boat similar to that which Jesus would have used which



was found buried in mud on the lakeshore. We then return to our hotel to spend the afternoon by the lake. Dinner and overnight stay by the Sea of Galilee.



Day 10, Friday 28 September **OUR JOURNEY HOME**

After breakfast we return to the Mount of Beatitudes for our final act of worship in the Holy Land. Late morning we drive west to the Mediterranean and continue south along the coast line to Caesarea Maritima to visit this beautiful Roman and Crusader Port City. View the ancient harbour, fortifications, twin water aqueducts and theatre. Paul was imprisoned here for almost two years before his trial in Rome. For Christians it is a place of great significance, as it was here that Peter baptised the first Gentile, Cornelius the Roman Centurion. After a break for lunch we drive to Tel Aviv Airport for our afternoon return flight to London.

Please note this touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments

INCLUSIVE HOLY LAND TOUR COST - £2095

All Lightline tours are carefully calculated to include all items necessary to complete your tour at the advertised price.

- ✓ **Scheduled flights on British Airways from London Heathrow**

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| London Heathrow/ Tel Aviv | BA 165 | 08:15/14:45 |
| Tel Aviv / London Heathrow | BA 164 | 16:45/20:30 |

Please note the above flights and time are approximate and subject to change
- ✓ **All airport departure & passenger taxes (UK & Israel)**
- ✓ **Accommodation at the following selected guest houses & hotels:**

All hotels and guest houses are fully air-conditioned with en-suite facilities

Bethlehem - Orient Palace Hotel (by Manger Square in Bethlehem)

Jerusalem - Gloria Hotel (within the walls of the Old City, Jaffa Gate)

Galilee - Pilgerhaus (Benedictine guest house by the Sea of Galilee)
- ✓ **Full board basis throughout (breakfast, lunch & dinner)**
- ✓ **All entrance fees and local government taxes**
- ✓ **Qualified English speaking guide throughout the tour**
- ✓ **All touring in modern air-conditioned tourist coaches**

The only items not included in the price are:

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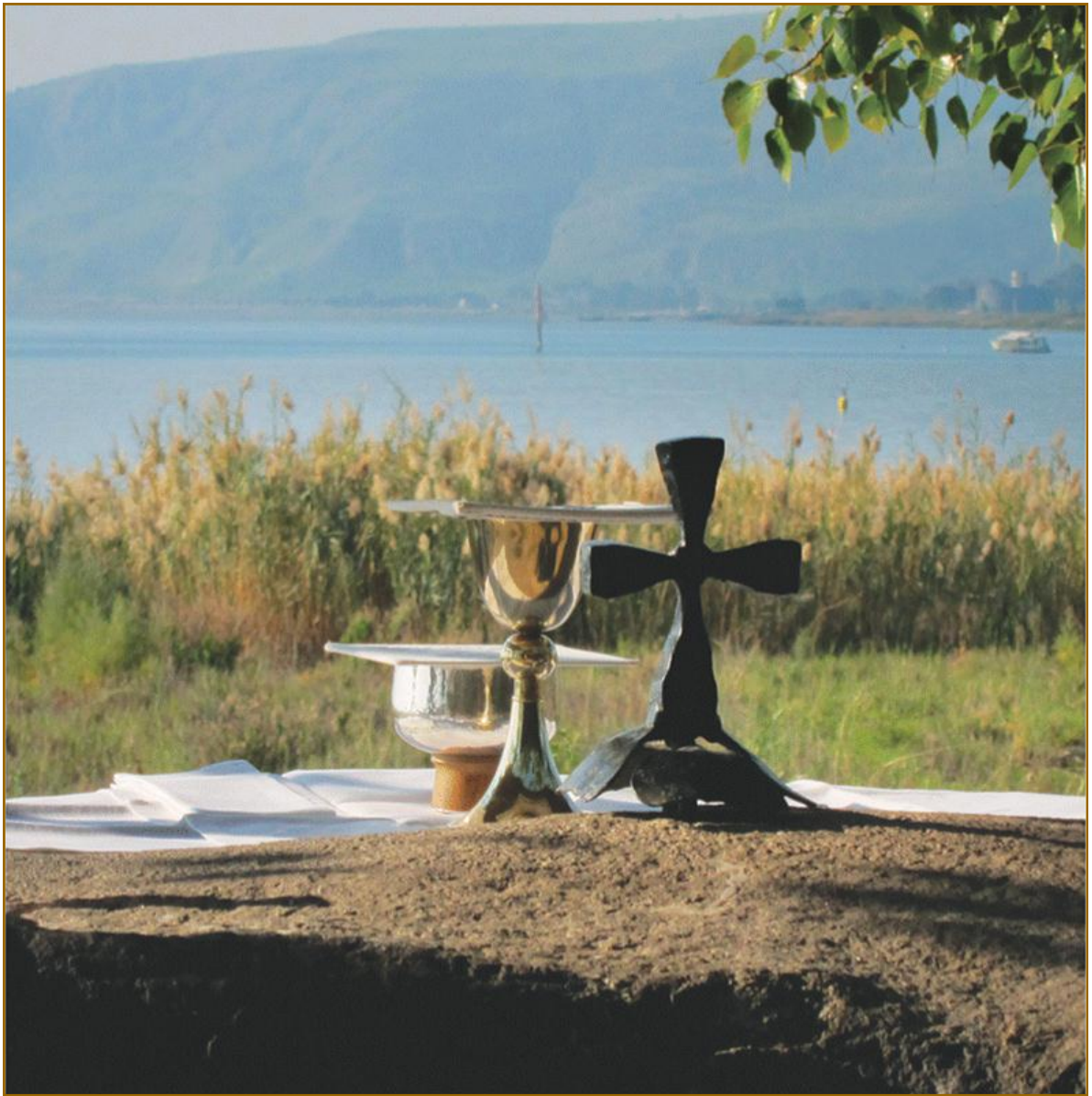
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ACCOMMODATION (Please tick appropriate box)

- ☐ Twin / Double Bed Room
- ☐ Shared Twin Room
- ☐ Single Room (Incurs a supplementary cost)

REMARKS / SPECIAL DIET / ETC.

We will take every possible step to ensure that our hotels and restaurants are advised, but special diets of any kind (including vegetarian, vegan, coeliac etc) can seldom be catered for adequately and we cannot guarantee we will be able to meet your requests.

TOUR PAYMENT

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| Deposit (per person) | <input type="text"/> | @ £ 250 | = | £ <input type="text"/> |
| Travel insurance (per person up to 75 years) | <input type="text"/> | @ £ 65 | = | £ <input type="text"/> |
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